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y hairs, ami, at his death, ascribed to him the jours paid only to martyr--..

Jnder his leadership tin* Donatists rapidly in-ised in numbers. They weie M hematics rather u heretics. They had m» vieat di-.linetive tenet; it they seem to have* iuMsted upi»n chictly w.is olute purity within flu: Church ami freedom from rldly taint. That was thrir iiU'al, a-* it has been

ideal of many other wild M-ctasies since their '. They claimed special revelations of the Divine II; they insisted upon rehaptisitu; tlieir c<iiiivert"-s tpellin^ even holy virgins to take fresh vows on iiiij*' their communion, which they boasted was I iif the one true Ounvh. Such a sect naturally 'aeted to itsrlf all tin* fanatical extremists uf ica and .dl th<»str whu had any j;ieevance a^ainr>t

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revolutionaiy, tin* b.tttkrnpt, ami the ciiminal, ; tluiH, itt'-iile lite Donati*<t iiMivtineiii proper, re j^rew up a kind of anarchist movement a^ain^t perty, which hail little or no connection with re-fitis principles.

amstatttine, timing; the remainder of his rrign, ctkaily i^noird the Aftican Church. He had it? what he could and lie wiped his hands of if, ;rc soon anise? an rxtr*tva^ant sect which took

name of CtrcutucclHone^ frtun their praettcc of |»ing fond from ec-ll to cell, tir cottage to cott*ij*c. :y rcmmecd the ordinary routine of daily life, ming themselves into bands, and Ntylinjj them-^t*n the Champions of tiu* I.urtl fn^^iri^fifii), y ruatucd through the countryrtide, which they